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Jim Hull, Director
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Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
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Dear Mr. Hull:

Re: Approval of Shoal Creek TMDL

This letter responds to the submission from Missouri Department of Natural Resources dated October 27, 2003 of the Shoal Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which was identified on the 1998 Missouri §303(d) list. Shoal Creek is impaired by fecal coliform bacteria.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of this TMDL with supporting documentation and information. By this letter EPA approves the submitted TMDL for Shoal Creek. Enclosed with this letter are Region 7 TMDL Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDL. The EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation, and a margin of safety.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Missouri has put forth in the development of the Shoal Creek TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Missouri to develop TMDLs.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Alderman
Director

Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures

cc: Sharon Clifford, TMDL Coordinator, Water Pollution Control Program, Jefferson City,
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